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Dear Nebraska Farmers, Ranchers and Agribusinesses:

The following narrative and tables are from recently published reports by USDA's Agricultural Statistics Board. These data are direct results of information provided by Nebraska producers and agribusinesses to the surveys conducted each month by this office. Thank you for your response to these surveys.


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Nebraska Cattle on Feed Up Slightly

Nebraska feedlots with capacities of 1,000 or more head contained 2.48 million cattle on feed on November 1, up slightly from last year and the largest November 1 inventory since the data series began in 1994. Placements of cattle into feedlots during October totaled 590,000 head, down 11 percent from 2011. Fed cattle marketings for the month of October totaled 425,000 head, up 9 percent from last year. This is the largest number of marketings for October since the data series began in 1994. Other disappearance during October totaled 15,000 head, equal to a year ago.

U.S. Cattle on Feed Down 5 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.3 million head on November 1, 2012. The inventory was 5 percent below November 1, 2011. Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.18 million, 13 percent below 2011. This is the lowest cattle placements for the month of October since the series began in 1996. Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.84 million, 3 percent above 2011. Other disappearance totaled 78,000 during October, 20 percent below 2011.

Number of Cattle on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Month - States and United States: 2011-2012

State	November 1 Number on Feed ¹			October Placements			October Marketings			October Other Disappearance ²		
	2011	2012	<u>2012</u> <u>2011</u>	2011	2012	<u>2012</u> <u>2011</u>	2011	2012	<u>2012</u> <u>2011</u>	2011	2012	<u>2012</u> <u>2011</u>
	1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent	
Arizona	292	265	91	32	19	59	19	25	132	1	1	100
California	490	480	98	54	62	115	49	54	110	5	3	60
Colorado	1,140	1,030	90	230	195	85	155	160	103	5	5	100
Idaho	225	240	107	55	55	100	48	44	92	2	1	50
Iowa	570	590	104	137	146	107	115	143	124	2	3	150
Kansas	2,400	2,220	93	440	380	86	340	365	107	20	25	125
Nebraska	2,470	2,480	100	665	590	89	390	425	109	15	15	100
Oklahoma	390	345	88	86	65	76	63	54	86	3	1	33
South Dakota	240	220	92	75	71	95	39	45	115	1	1	100
Texas	3,000	2,670	89	560	450	80	465	440	95	35	20	57
Washington	226	248	110	59	74	125	40	38	95	1	1	100
Other States	446	466	104	99	73	74	64	44	69	8	2	25
United States	11,889	11,254	95	2,492	2,180	87	1,787	1,837	103	98	78	80

¹ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. ² Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, November 16, 2012

Commercial Livestock Slaughter

October 2012 number slaughtered and changes from last year and last month are shown below. October 2011 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays. October 2012 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays.

Livestock Slaughter: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, October 2012 with Comparisons

Item	Total ¹	Oct. 2012 Percent of	
		Oct. 2011	Sep. 2012
Nebraska	<i>1,000 Head</i>		
Cattle, head	611.3	103	114
Hogs, head	742.5	104	115
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	677.6	106	115
United States			
Cattle, head	2,953.2	103	116
Calves, head	72.9	100	113
Hogs, head	10,855.7	110	115
Sheep & Lambs, head	207.1	118	119
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	4,578.6	107	116

¹ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, November 23, 2012

Stocks in Cold Storage By Commodity – United States, October 31, 2012 with Comparisons

Commodity	Stocks	Oct. 2012 Percent of	
		Oct. 31, 2011	Sep. 30, 2012
1,000 Lbs.			
Total red meats	1,057,698	114	98
Beef	423,799	102	100
Pork	606,175	124	96
Poultry	1,103,721	100	94
Turkey	454,043	112	87
Chicken	648,009	93	100

Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage, November 21, 2012

Layers and Eggs: Nebraska and United States, October 2011 and 2012

Item	2011	2012	2012/2011
	<i>Millions</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Number of Layers			
Nebraska	9.0	9.2	101
United States	335.9	340.5	101
Table Eggs Produced			
Nebraska	225	229	102
United States	6,734	6,883	102
Chickens Hatched, October			
United States			
Egg-type	37.6	39.1	104
Broiler	715.9	726.9	102

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs, November 23, 2012



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Milk Cows and Production by Month -- 23 Selected States: 2011-2012

Month	Milk Cows ¹		Milk per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	Change from 2011
	<i>Thousand head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
January	8,405	8,502	1,811	1,859	15,219	15,806	3.9
February	8,408	8,510	1,665	1,780	13,997	15,149	8.2
March	8,425	8,521	1,872	1,930	15,773	16,447	4.3
April	8,431	8,527	1,835	1,879	15,475	16,021	3.5
May	8,447	8,521	1,902	1,923	16,069	16,382	1.9
June	8,450	8,507	1,820	1,827	15,382	15,545	1.1
July	8,459	8,499	1,820	1,823	15,395	15,496	0.7
August	8,463	8,496	1,813	1,805	15,342	15,339	-
September	8,466	8,473	1,742	1,729	14,744	14,651	-0.6
October	8,475	8,465	1,790	1,791	15,170	15,165	-
November	8,475		1,739		14,742		
December	8,485		1,818		15,426		
Annual	8,449		21,627		182,734		

- Represents zero. ¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. ² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Source: USDA NASS Milk Production, November 19, 2012

Number of Workers and Wage Rates by Type of Worker and All Hired Workers -- Selected Regions and United States: October 9-15, 2011 & October 7-13, 2012¹

Region ²	Number of Workers		Wage Rates							
			All Hired Workers		Type of work					
					Field		Livestock		Field & Livestock	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Dollars Per Hour</i>							
Lake	77	72	11.83	12.01	11.59	12.06	10.71	10.68	11.30	11.50
Cornbelt I	50	65	11.38	12.45	11.15	11.67	11.01	11.61	11.10	11.65
Cornbelt II	33	29	11.66	12.09	12.07	11.87	10.60	10.84	11.50	11.50
Northern Plains	39	43	12.13	13.10	12.58	13.71	10.61	11.44	11.85	12.90
Southern Plains	45	54	10.78	11.38	9.53	10.06	11.03	11.40	10.10	10.60
Mountain I	29	30	10.45	10.17	10.38	10.03	10.08	9.47	10.25	9.85
Mountain II	18	19	11.36	11.63	10.90	10.74	10.22	10.12	10.60	10.45
United States	828	872	11.15	11.76	10.54	11.22	10.67	10.83	10.57	11.13

¹ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers and Alaska. ² Regions consist of the following states: Lake: Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin; Cornbelt I: Illinois, Indiana, Ohio; Cornbelt II: Iowa, Missouri; Northern Plains: Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota; Southern Plains: Oklahoma, Texas; Mountain I: Idaho, Montana, Wyoming; Mountain II: Colorado, Nevada, Utah. Source: USDA NASS Farm Labor, November 19, 2012

Annual Average Wage Rates -- Selected Regions and United States: 2011-2012^{1 2}

State	Hired		Field		Field & Livestock	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	<i>Dollars per hour</i>					
Lake	11.40	12.05	11.09	11.55	10.78	11.30
Cornbelt I	11.68	12.48	11.18	11.56	11.10	11.74
Cornbelt II	11.67	11.85	11.84	11.80	11.50	11.41
Northern Plains	11.97	12.86	12.04	12.96	11.61	12.33
Southern Plains	10.43	10.81	9.57	9.75	9.88	10.18
Mountain I	10.55	10.45	10.26	10.04	10.19	9.99
Mountain II	11.46	11.26	10.50	10.19	10.43	10.08
United States ³	11.07	11.52	10.33	10.76	10.36	10.80

¹ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers. ² Annual rates are averages of the published wage rates for each survey week weighted by the number of hours worked during the week. ³ Excludes Alaska.

Source: USDA NASS Farm Labor, November 19, 2012

Prices Received: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, Preliminary November 2012 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States		
		November 2011 ¹	October 2012 ¹	November 2012 ²	November 2011 ¹	October 2012 ¹	November 2012 ²
<i>Dollars</i>					<i>Dollars</i>		
Wheat, All	Bushel	6.18	8.74	8.80	7.30	8.38	8.42
Corn	Bushel	5.77	6.59	6.50	5.83	6.77	6.71
Oats	Bushel	(D)	(D)	(D)	3.38	3.95	3.70
Grain Sorghum	Cwt	10.40	12.40	12.30	10.70	12.40	12.30
Soybeans	Bushel	11.50	14.00	13.60	11.70	14.20	13.80
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	124.00	206.00	205.00	174.00	193.00	193.00
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	135.00	230.00	228.00	193.00	212.00	215.00
Other, Baled	Ton	94.00	150.00	144.00	124.00	146.00	144.00
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt	42.20	38.10	37.30	39.90	37.70	35.70
Hogs	Cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	64.40 ³	62.00 ³	62.10 ³
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	64.50 ³	62.70 ³	62.30 ³
Sows	Cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	60.80 ³	43.30 ³	56.70 ³
Beef Cattle	Cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	120.00 ³	123.00 ³	123.00 ³
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	126.00 ³	127.00 ³	129.00 ³
Cows	Cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	66.00 ³	77.30 ³	76.40 ³
Calves	Cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	153.00 ³	164.00 ³	162.00 ³

¹Entire month average except hay. ²Preliminary. ³Price data source is USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (NA) Not Available – State prices discontinued.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, November 30, 2012

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